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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE CAPABLE OF SUPPRESSING LEAKAGE
CURRENT IN A LIGHT EMITTING END SURFACE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 14, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is
attached.

1. (Amended) A semiconductor laser device, comprising:
an oxide formed as a protective coating on at least one light emitting end surface
of a semiconductor laser chip; and